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is assigned to

The Honorable Edmund S. Muskie
Secretary of State
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Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I was pleased to receive your letter of July 22 stating that the Administration has not departed from the assurances given to the Congress in 1978 that the F-15 aircraft sold to Saudi Arabia would not be equipped with certain supplemental equipment.

I also welcome your statement that no decision on this issue will be made without full prior consultations with the Congress.

As I pointed out in my letter to President Carter on this subject, I strongly supported the decision to sell the F-15 aircraft to Saudi Arabia and believe that the United States should assist and cooperate with Saudi Arabia to assure its security. However, I do not believe there is current justification for providing the supplemental equipment for the F-15's and am pleased that this is not a matter pending decision within the government.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Byrd

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